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For  
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Application Number	10/656,742
Filing Date	September 5, 2003
First Named Inventor	James M. Piatt
Art Unit	3751
Examiner Name	Charles E. Phillips
Attorney Docket Number	550299.93333

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any other fee that may be due in this application
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Applicant: James M. Piatt

Art Unit: 3751

Serial No.: 10/656,742

Examiner: Phillips

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: Lavatory with a Removable Washing Platform

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.

The fee for that amendment has been calculated as shown below:

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Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0 X	\$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim					\$360.00	= \$0.00
Total Fee						= \$0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 2, 2005

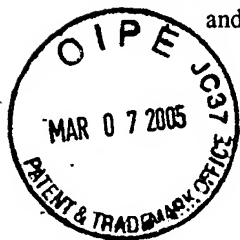
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on January 10, 2005 and the accompanying Request For Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.